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National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 6, 2007

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Spring is in the air! Outer Banks birdlife, wildlife and fish abound!

This is the first Beach Access Report for the 2007 season. This report includes the newly established pre-nesting closures, implemented during the week of March 26, 2007. Under the new Interim Protected Species Management Strategy, there will be closure adjustments as the season progresses. These updates will be shown in the Beach Access Reports. All distances are approximate.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.6 miles long. This section is open for pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 30.6 miles open to pedestrians and 22.2 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 8.4 miles of safety closures. Approximately 1.25 miles are closed due to full beach resource protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30: (2.2 miles of shoreline)

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier and extends to Ramp 38. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from Cape Point south/west for approximately 0.4 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from Cape Point along the shoreline for approximately 0.4 miles to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. The total closure distance is 0.9 miles. Three pairs of piping plovers have been regularly observed within the combined RESOURCE protection area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.3 mile south of the southern exit of the Pole Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Pole Road is open from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. South of the overwash areas, Pole Road is open. The Cable Crossing route is open to access along the sound shoreline to the inlet. ORV access ends at the northwest corner of the spit. From that point, pedestrian access is open along the shoreline for several hundred feet to the vicinity of the "Rip."

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.
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Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.3 miles of ocean shoreline. 16.3 miles are open to pedestrian use and approximately 11.1 miles are open to ORV use. ORV use is restricted by an ORV SAFETY closure 5.2 miles long.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67: (7.6 miles of shoreline)

There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 to the North Ocracoke Spit.
- A SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70: (3.4 miles of shoreline)

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 and to South Ocracoke Spit:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 10, 2008

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Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

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Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

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South Beach:

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Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

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Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 13, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

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Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

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Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from Cape Point along the shoreline for approximately 0.4 miles to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. The total closure distance is 0.9 miles. Three pairs of piping plovers have been regularly observed within the combined RESOURCE protection area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.3 mile south of the southern exit of the Pole Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Pole Road is open from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. South of the overwash areas, Pole Road is open. The Cable Crossing route is open to access along the sound shoreline to the inlet. ORV access ends at the northwest corner of the spit. From that point, pedestrian access is open along the shoreline for several hundred feet to the vicinity of the "Rip."

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- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” ORV and pedestrian access is open along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing to the northwest corner of the spit. From that point, pedestrian access continues for several hundred feet south/east to the vicinity of the “Rip” where the RESOURCE protection area and full shoreline closure begins.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.3 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.3 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.2 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.20 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:

There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.40 mile north of Ramp 59.
- A SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.40 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.20 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.60 of a mile.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

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- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Ocean shoreline remains open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

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Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 south for .8 of a mile. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 ½ mile north of Ramp 30. This is a full beach closure.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:

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South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the soundshore south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. This area is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.3 mile south of the southern exit of the Pole Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Pole Road is open from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. South of the overwash areas, Pole Road is open. The Cable Crossing route to Hatteras Inlet is temporarily closed to ORVs due to recent storm tides and conditions. The area is open to pedestrian access along the shoreline.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” ORV and pedestrian access is open along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing to the northwest corner of the spit. From that point, pedestrian access continues for several hundred feet south/east to the vicinity of the “Rip” where the RESOURCE protection area and full shoreline closure begins.
- A SAFETY closure is in effect at the Cable Crossing route to Hatteras Inlet. The route is temporarily closed to ORVS due to recent storm tides and conditions and will be reopened when conditions permit to allow access to Hatteras Inlet. The area is open to pedestrian access along the sound shoreline.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.3 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.3 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.2 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.20 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:

There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.40 mile north of Ramp 59.
- A SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.40 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.20 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.60 of a mile.
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30' X 30' enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 and to South Ocracoke Spit:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Ocean shoreline remains open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 26, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

Based on a suggestion from an individual on our mailing list, beginning with this week's report new information since the previous report will be shown in Blue BOLD font so that it is discernable both on the computer screen and in a back-and-white printout. We appreciate the suggestion!

Pre-nesting areas were established the week of March 26, 2007. There will be additional adjustments in RESOURCE protection areas, based on wildlife activity, as the season progresses. These updates will be shown on future Beach Access Reports. All distances are approximate. **NPS resource management personnel have received sea turtle training this week. Daily turtle patrols will begin May 1.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.6 miles long. This section is open for pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **Between 8 and 23 piping plovers, have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report, including several pairs demonstrating breeding behavior.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 30.3 miles open to pedestrians and 21.9 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 8.4 miles of safety closures. Approximately 1.6 miles are closed due to full beach resource protection closures. **(Re-calculate distances for this section.)**

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 south for 0.8 of a mile. **Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 30 north for 0.7 of a mile.** Currently, there is no through access for pedestrians or ORVs between Ramps 27 and 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 30. **On April 19 and 20 two additional RESOURCE protection areas were established for two additional American Oystercatcher nests north and south of the above nest. As of April 23, 2007, these three separate full beach closures have no through access and preclude access to a 1.0 mile section of beach.**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier and extends to Ramp 38. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **A RESOURCE protection area, approximately 0.2 of a mile long, begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for numerous American oystercatcher scrapes. No nest found as of date/time of this report. There is currently a 30-ft. ORV and pedestrian access corridor above the high tide line.**
- A SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 43. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **Between 7 and 12 piping plovers have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report, including at least 3 pairs demonstrating breeding behavior.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. This area is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

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Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.3 mile south of the southern exit of the Pole Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Pole Road is open from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. South of the overwash areas, Pole Road is open. **The Cable Crossing route to Hatteras Inlet has reopened to ORV use. The northern section remains narrow and may be impassable to vehicles during high tides. An alternate "Spur Road" has been established for pedestrian and ORV access from the south end of Pole Road to the sound shoreline near Hatteras Inlet. This will provide more reliable access to the inlet (than the Cable Crossing route) during periods of high tides. Pedestrian access is open at the inlet from the sound side to the Rip.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area. **Up to three piping plover have been observed foraging in this area since last week's report. No pairs or breeding behavior have been observed at this location to date.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area for foraging piping plovers was established on April 24 along the ocean shoreline adjacent to the Isabel overwash area. There is an access corridor through this area along the upper beach. Up to three piping plover have been observed foraging in this area. No pairs or breeding behavior have been observed at this location to date.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the "Rip." **One piping plover has been observed foraging in this area since last week's report. No pairs or breeding behavior have been observed at this location to date. An American oystercatcher nest, with 3 eggs, has occurred within this area.** ORV and pedestrian access is open along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing and from Spur Road to the northwest corner of the spit. From that point, pedestrian access continues for several hundred feet south/east

to the vicinity of the “Rip” where the RESOURCE protection area and full shoreline closure begins.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.3 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.3 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.2 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.20 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:

There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.4 mile north of Ramp 59.
- A SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.4 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile. **Up to three piping plover have been observed foraging in this area since last week’s report, with recent observations of breeding behavior.**
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30’ X 30’ enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 68 **where a RESOURCE closure, approximately 0.5 mile long, begins.** The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1 mile north of Ramp 70. There currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- **A RESOURCE protection area was established for a 1-egg American oystercatcher nest, which was subsequently lost. In 2006 the same pair of birds nested/re-nested 3 times in the same general area. The area was expanded on April 18 to incorporate last year’s nest sites and provide for a re-nesting attempt.**

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 and to South Ocracoke Spit:

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **Up to 15 piping plover have been observed foraging in this area since last week’s report, with recent observations of breeding behavior. There is also one American oystercatcher nest within the closure.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.9 mile south of Ramp 70. An access corridor is open on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.**

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

New information since the previous report is shown in Blue BOLD font so that it is discernable both on the computer screen and in a back-and-white printout. We appreciate your interest and suggestions on this report.

Pre-nesting areas were established the week of March 26, 2007. There will be additional adjustments in RESOURCE protection areas, based on wildlife activity, as the season progresses. These updates will be shown on future Beach Access Reports. All distances are approximate. Daily turtle patrols for the 2007 season began May 1.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.6 miles long. This section is open for pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **Between 3 to 7 piping plovers, have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report with some observed breeding behavior.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 30.3 miles open to pedestrians and 21.9 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 8.4 miles of safety closures. Approximately 1.6 miles are closed due to full beach resource protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access. **Traveling south from Ramp 27, there are three separate area closures for American Oystercatchers (total distance of .2 of a mile) with open beach access past the closures for ORV and pedestrians.**

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 30. On April 19 and 20 two additional RESOURCE protection areas were established for two additional American Oystercatcher nests north and south of the above nest. As of April 23, 2007, these three separate area beach closures are located above the high tide line and encompass less than .2 of a mile.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access. **Traveling south from Ramp 30, an area closure (extends for .1 of a mile) for American Oystercatcher 2-egg nest is located 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 with open beach access past the closure for ORV and pedestrians.**

- A RESOURCE protection area of .1 of a mile for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers was established with open beach access for ORV and pedestrians.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier and extends to Ramp 38. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approximately 0.2 of a mile long, begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for numerous American Oystercatcher scrapes. No nest found as date/time of this report. There is currently a 30-ft. ORV and pedestrian access corridor above the high tide line.
- A SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.6 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 43. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **Seven piping plovers have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report, including at least 3 pairs demonstrating breeding behavior. There have been 8 closure violations with citations issued in this area during the past few days.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. This area is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.5 mile south of the southern exit of the Pole Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Pole Road is open from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. South of the overwash areas, Pole Road is open. The Cable Crossing/Spur Road routes to Hatteras Inlet are open.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28 when **three piping plover were observed foraging in this area. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area. Since last week's report, no piping plover observations have been noted.**
- A RESOURCE protection area for foraging piping plovers was established on April 24 along the ocean shoreline adjacent to the Isabel overwash area. There is an access corridor (.3 of a mile long) through this area along the upper beach. **Since last week's report, no pairs or breeding behavior have been observed at this location to date.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the "Rip." An American oystercatcher nest, with 3 eggs, has occurred within this area.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.5 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.2 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.20 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.4 mile north of Ramp 59.
- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.4 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile.
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30' X 30' enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 68 where a RESOURCE closure, approximately 0.5 mile long, begins. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1 mile north of Ramp 70. There currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for an American Oystercatcher nest, which was subsequently lost. In 2006, the same pair of birds nested/re-nested 3 times in the same general area. The area was expanded on April 18 to incorporate last year's nest sites and provide for a re-nesting attempt.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 and to South Ocracoke Spit (3.7 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **Up to 4 piping plover have been observed foraging in this area since last week's report, with recent observations of breeding behavior. There is also one American oystercatcher nest within the closure.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

From Sunday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 8, the Outer Banks experienced a strong low pressure system with high winds of 50-60 mph and strong wave action on the coastline. The north facing beaches felt the full impact of this Nor'easter and numerous overwash areas were noted along the entire coastline of the National Seashore and neighboring villages.

A container ship lost 9 containers during the storm and many thousands of pieces of styrofoam packing material have washed up on Outer Banks beaches. On May 9, dozens of ORV users, fishermen, and park visitors assisted NPS by picking up styrofoam, especially in the Cape Point area. All Park staff would like to thank the general public and the local merchants who assisted in this clean up effort. NPS is working with US Coast Guard on the incident. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our beaches clean and beautiful!

Pre-nesting areas were established the week of March 26, 2007. There will be additional adjustments in RESOURCE protection areas, based on wildlife activity, as the season progresses. These updates will be shown on future Beach Access Reports. All distances are approximate. Daily turtle patrols for the 2007 season began May 1.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.3 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.7 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.6 miles long. This section is open for pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **Following the Nor'easter, one piping plover has been observed foraging in the pond area.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)
Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles north of Ramp 27 where a RESOURCE closure for nesting American Oystercatchers, approximately 0.2 mile long, begins. There currently is no through ORV access between Ramps 23 and 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established in mid April and is located 1.2 mile north of Ramp 27 for nesting American Oystercatchers. The recent Nor'easter reduced the width of the beach to the point there is not adequate buffer between the ocean and the nest for an ORV corridor in front of the nest and therefore is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. The nest is expected to hatch the week of May 18th.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 30.3 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.9 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 8.4 miles of safety closures. Approximately 1.6 miles are closed due to full beach resource protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27 and 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30. There is currently no through ORV or pedestrian access between Ramp 27 and Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 30. On April 19 and 20 two additional RESOURCE protection areas were established for two additional American Oystercatcher nests north and south of the above nest. As of April 23, 2007, these three separate area beach closures are located above the high tide line and encompass less than .2 of a mile. **Following the Nor'easter, two of the three nests were lost to high surf and wind. The beach width was reduced significantly requiring a full beach closure to protect the one remaining nest, located 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27. The nest is expected to hatch the week of May 18th.**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access. Traveling south from Ramp 30, an area closure (extends for .1 of a mile) for American Oystercatcher nest is located 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 with open beach access past the closure for ORV and pedestrians. **Prior to the storm, two piping plovers were observed along the shoreline just north of Ramp 34.**

- A RESOURCE protection area of 0.1 of a mile for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers was established with open beach access for ORV and pedestrians.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier and extends to Ramp 38. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approximately 0.2 of a mile long, begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for numerous American Oystercatcher scrapes. **The area was checked following the storm and no nest were found as of the date/time of this report.** There is currently a 30-ft. ORV and pedestrian access corridor above the high tide line.
- A SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.6 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 43. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access. **Within this safety closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area for American Oystercatcher nests and no pedestrian access in this protection area is allowed.**

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **As many as eight** piping plovers have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report, including at least 3 pairs demonstrating breeding behavior **and scraping. Two piping plover nests have been located near the middle of the enclosure. In addition, there are two American Oystercatcher nests on the beach east of Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), 1.1 mile in length, was established in March and is located 1.0 mile south of Ramp 45 for nesting American Oystercatchers. **On May 9th, a section, approximately 0.1 of a mile, broaden the boundary of the protection area to provide adequate buffer around an American Oystercatcher nest. There is ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. Currently there is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. This area is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline **from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. A temporary SAFETY closure is in effect for the Pole Road due to flooded conditions from Ramp 55 south to the Isabel overwash area and south to the soundshore. The Cable Crossing/Spur Road routes to Hatteras Inlet are currently closed due to flooded conditions and eroded sound shoreline conditions. These routes will reopen as soon as conditions dry allowing for safe off-road travel. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28 when three piping plover were observed foraging in this area. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area. **There have been no recent piping plover observations in this area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area for foraging piping plovers was established on April 24 along the ocean shoreline adjacent to the Isabel overwash area. **No piping plovers have been observed foraging here in the past two weeks. This shoreline closure was removed on May 8, 2007.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **There are two American oystercatcher nests within this protection area and one piping plover was observed along the inlet shoreline on May 9th.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.2 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area. **Due to the storm, assessment of beaches and protection area status on Ocracoke Island are still coming in at the time of this report.**

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.4 mile north of Ramp 59 and open 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.4 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile. **As many as two to five piping plover have been observed and some have displayed territorial behavior.**
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30' X 30' enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.
- **A RESOURCE protection area will be established on May 10 immediately of south Ramp 59 and is 0.3 mile long. This is a full beach closure for piping plover foraging. There is no through access.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 68 where a RESOURCE closure, approximately 0.5 mile long, begins. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1 mile north of Ramp 70. There currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for an American Oystercatcher nest, which was subsequently lost. In 2006, the same pair of birds nested/re-nested 3 times in the same general area. The area was expanded on April 18 to incorporate last year's nest sites and provide for a re-nesting attempt.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 and to South Ocracoke Spit (4.8 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **As many as one to four piping plovers have been observed foraging, with some exhibiting breeding behavior in this area since last week's report. There is also one American oystercatcher nest within the closure.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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*****Information Update*****

On May 10, 2007, prior to issuing the Beach Access Report, information was communicated that **two** piping plover nests were located inside the Cape Point pre-nesting area. Field observations later confirmed that one of those two nests was a least tern nest. We regret the error and, to date, there is one known piping plover nest at Cape Point.

In addition, on Hatteras Island, the Pole Road, with the bypass around the protection area at the Isabel overwash, and the Spur Road have re-opened to ORV use. Drainage and sunny conditions for the past two days allowed the roads to dry and were re-opened on Friday, May 11, 2007. The Cable Crossing Road is still closed at this time.



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Weekly Up-date:

The annual seasonal closures of village beaches to ORV use were established on May 15, 2007.

During the May 7 Nor'easter, the beaches and inlets experienced varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may still be limited during high wind/tide conditions and during periods of rough ocean conditions. Knowledge of tidal flows and extreme caution should be exercised while traveling in these areas.

Up-date on the styrofoam packing material: Moran Environmental Recovery contractor hired two 10-member teams to clean the national seashore beaches. The most debris washed up on beaches from Avon south to, and including, Ocracoke Island. Many people have volunteered their time and efforts and everyone's assistance has made a significant difference. National Park Service staff expresses our sincere thanks to all who have helped keep the beaches clean and beautiful!

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.3 miles are open to pedestrians and 11.7 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **This pre-nesting area continues to be plagued with depredation problems. No observations of piping plovers have been noted this week. There is an American Oystercatcher nest on Green Island.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- **Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.**

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles north of Ramp 27 where a RESOURCE closure for nesting American Oystercatchers, approximately 0.2 mile long, begins. There currently is no through ORV access between Ramps 23 and 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established in mid April and is located 1.2 mile north of Ramp 27 for nesting American Oystercatchers. **The nest was lost during the May 7 Nor'easter but the protection area remains in effect until monitoring determines if the birds re-nest in this area. Due to the narrow width of the beach, at this time, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through the approximately 0.2 mile long closure.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 30.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 19.1 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.1 miles of safety closures. Approximately 1.7 miles are closed due to full beach resource protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27 and 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30. There is currently no through ORV or pedestrian access between Ramp 27 and Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 30. On April 19 and 20 two additional RESOURCE protection areas were established for two additional American Oystercatcher nests north and south of the above nest. As of April 23, 2007, these three separate area beach closures are located above the high tide line and encompass less than 0.2 of a mile. **During the May 7 Nor'easter, all three of the nests were lost to high surf and wind. Due to the narrow width of the beach, at this time, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through the approximately 0.2 mile long closure. Further monitoring will determine if the birds re-nest in this area.**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access. Traveling south from Ramp 30, an area closure (extends for .1 of a mile) for American Oystercatcher nest is located 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 with open beach access past the closure for ORV and pedestrians. **No sightings of piping plovers along the shoreline this week.**

- A RESOURCE protection area of 0.1 of a mile for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers was established with open beach access for ORV and pedestrians. **During the May 7 storm, this nest was lost. Further monitoring will determine if the birds re-nest in this area.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- **Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.**

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approximately 0.2 of a mile long, begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for an American Oystercatcher nest. **On May 12, a new nest (most likely a re-nest) was found in this area. This pair of birds (no identifying bands) may have nested previously in this area but the nest was destroyed by the May 7 storm.** There is currently a 30-ft. ORV and pedestrian access corridor above the high tide line.
- **A SEASONAL closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.6 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 43, went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.** Within the SEASONAL: closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area for American Oystercatcher nests and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. As many as eight piping plovers have been observed foraging within the area since last week's report with at least 3 pairs demonstrating breeding behavior and scraping. **To date, there is one piping plover nest with an exclosure within this closure.** In addition, there are two American Oystercatcher nests on the beach east of Ramp 45.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), 1.1 mile in length, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. **On May 15, this protection area was extended 0.3 mile (to the west) to include piping plover scraping activity and a least tern colony. The total closure distance is 1.4 miles along the upper beach with** ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- **A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.**
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. This area is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. **The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.** The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area. **A pair of American Oystercatchers has been observed scraping in the overwash area this week.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **There is one American oystercatcher nest within this protection area. The second nest was lost in the May 7 Nor’easter. No observations of piping plovers at the Inlet were reported this week.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 9.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.4 mile north of Ramp 59 and open 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. **Within this SAFETY closure a RESOURCE protection area has been established for an American Oystercatcher nest. There is pedestrian access along the ocean corridor shoreline.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.4 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile. **As many as three to four piping plover have been observed with some displays of territorial behavior this week.**
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30’ X 30’ enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest. **This turtle nest was not destroyed by the Nor’easter.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 10 immediately of south Ramp 59 and is 0.3 mile long along the ocean shoreline. **This is a full beach closure for piping plover foraging. From Ramp 59 north, an ORV and pedestrian corridor is open for 0.4 mile north, where the resource protection pre-nesting closure is still in effect. Observations of piping plovers foraging and displays of breeding behavior have been recorded in this area.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 68 where a RESOURCE closure, approximately 0.5 mile long, begins. The beach is open for pedestrian access for 1 mile north of Ramp 70. There currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. In 2006, the same pair of birds nested/re-nested 3 times in the same general area. The area was expanded on April 18 to incorporate last year's nest sites and provide for a re-nesting attempt.
- **The SEASONAL closure in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70 was implemented on May 15, 2007. This section of beach is approximately 3.3 miles in length and closes Ramp 68. This section of beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.**

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. As many as **three to four** piping plovers have been observed foraging in this area **with some observed breeding behavior and scrapes**. There is also one American oystercatcher nest within the closure.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

The annual seasonal closures of village beaches to ORV use were established on May 15, 2007.

During May, the Outer Banks experienced several Nor'easters with strong wind and surf conditions. Beaches and inlets experienced varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may still be limited during high wind/tide conditions and during periods of rough ocean conditions. Knowledge of tidal flows and extreme caution should be exercised while traveling in these areas.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. There is an American Oystercatcher nest on Green Island. **At least two piping plovers were observed foraging and one bird seen scrapping in the pre-nesting closure this week.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access between Ramp 23 and 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established in mid April and is located 1.2 mile north of Ramp 27 for nesting American Oystercatchers and is approximately 0.2 mile long. The nest was lost during the May 7 Nor'easter but the protection area remains in effect until monitoring determines if the birds re-nest in this area. **On May 23, the shoreline access below this closure reopened.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 30.1 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 18.8 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.1 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 2 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.8 mile north of Ramp 30. There is currently no through ORV or pedestrian access between Ramp 27 and Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 18, 2007 for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers on a narrow beach approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 30. During the May 7 Nor'easter, all three of the nests were lost to high surf and wind. **One pair of American Oystercatchers have re-nested and the other pairs are exhibiting signs of re-nesting.** Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through the closure. **In addition, there is a least tern colony with eggs.**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access. Traveling south from Ramp 30, an area closure (extends for .1 of a mile) for American Oystercatcher nest is located 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 with open beach access past the closure for ORV and pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area of 0.1 of a mile for a pair of nesting American Oystercatchers was established with open beach access for ORV and pedestrians. **During the May 7 storm, this nest was lost. Further monitoring will determine if the birds re-nest in this area.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approximately 0.2 of a mile long, begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for American Oystercatcher nests. There is currently a 30-ft. ORV and pedestrian access corridor above the high tide line.
- A SEASONAL closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.6 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 43, went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL: closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area for American Oystercatcher nests and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **As many as eight piping plovers are foraging within the closure with at least 3 pairs demonstrating breeding behavior and scraping. On May 22, the first piping plover nest, thought to be lost after the Nor'easter, was relocated with a full clutch of four eggs in the nests. A second piping plover nest, with 2 eggs, was found in the closure this week.** In addition, there are two American Oystercatcher nests within the closure on the beach east of Ramp 45.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), 1.1 mile in length, along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. **On May 15, this protection area was extended 0.3 mile (to the west) to include piping plover scraping activity and a least tern colony. The total closure distance is 1.4 miles along the upper beach with ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.**
- **On May 22, approximately ½ mile northeast of Ramp 49, a shoreline closure 0.6 mile in length, was established for multiple observations of foraging piping plover. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. **On May 23, the nest was lost to predation. This soundside area remains closed to ORV and pedestrian access to provide an opportunity for re-nesting.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road (excluding the overwash RESOURCE area closure), Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area. **A single male piping plover has been observed in the overwash area this week.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **A single male piping plover has been observed at the Inlet this week. An American Oystercatcher nest, that survived the May 7 storm, has produced chicks. A second pair, whose nest was lost in the May 7 storm, is attempting to re-nest. In addition, a least tern colony has been established within the closure.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 9.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY closure and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.4 mile north of Ramp 59 and open 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. Within this SAFETY closure a RESOURCE protection area has been established for an American Oystercatcher nest. There is pedestrian access along the ocean corridor shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.4 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile. **At least three to four piping plover were observed again this week in this area. Some displays of territorial behavior and foraging were noted this week.**
- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30' X 30' enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 10 immediately of south Ramp 59 and is 0.3 mile long along the ocean shoreline. This is a full beach closure for piping plover foraging. From Ramp 59 north, an ORV and pedestrian corridor is open for 0.4 mile north, where the resource protection pre-nesting closure is still in effect. Observations of piping plovers foraging and displays of breeding behavior have been recorded in this area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 9 approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 67 for two pair of American Oystercatchers; one nest exists at the time of this report. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 68 where a RESOURCE closure, approximately 0.5 mile long, begins. The beach is open for pedestrian access for 1 mile north of Ramp 70. There currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **A new American Oystercatcher nest has been located in this area.**
- The SEASONAL closure in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70 was implemented on May 15, 2007. This section of beach is approximately 3.3 miles in length and closes Ramp 68. This section of beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet. **Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. As many as **five to six** piping plovers have been observed foraging in this area **with some observed breeding behavior and scrapes.** There is also one American oystercatcher nest within the closure.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

The annual seasonal closures of village beaches to ORV use were established on May 15, 2007.

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary and, therefore, readers will note more condensed resource information in the Beach Access Report beginning this week and for the remainder of the summer season.

The Memorial Day weekend was very busy. During the peak use period (early Sunday afternoon), park staff observed high numbers of Off-Road Vehicles at key locations including Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point, South Beach and Hatteras Spit. More information on actual numbers will be included in next week's report.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **One piping plover has been observed foraging and an American Oystercatcher nest is located inside the pre-nesting closure this week.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27.

- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and nests and scrapes of Least Terns and is approximately 0.1 mile long. There is pedestrian and ORV access in front of the RESOURCE protection area along the ocean shoreline.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 30.6 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 20.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 1.3 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.5 miles south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. A full beach closure exists 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.1 mile in length.

- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.**
- A RESOURCE protection area exists **and was modified** north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair **re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30**. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through **this 0.1 mile length closure**. In addition, there is a least tern colony with eggs.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area begins 1.3 mile south of Ramp 38 (across from Canadian Hole) for American Oystercatcher nests. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front above the high tide line.
- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area for American Oystercatcher **chicks** and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open, with ORV and pedestrian access open between Ramps 45 and 49. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On April 4 the RESOURCE protection area was modified and expanded south/west to Ramp 45 due to piping plover foraging behavior outside the protected area. On April 16 the RESOURCE protection area was modified based on shoreline changes due to the recent storm. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **There are two piping plover nests with full clutches (4 eggs) and a third nest with two eggs within this area.** In addition, there are at least two American Oystercatcher nests in the closure on the beach east of Ramp 45 and a least tern colony is nesting in the Salt Pond Road area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). Access is open between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), 1.1 mile in length, along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. On May 15, this protection area was extended 0.3 mile (to the west) to include piping plover scraping activity and a least tern colony. The total closure distance is 1.4 miles along the upper beach with ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.
- On May 22, approximately ½ mile northeast of Ramp 49, a shoreline closure 0.4 mile in length, was established for multiple observations of foraging piping plover. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. On May 23, the nest was lost to predation. This soundside area remains closed to ORV and pedestrian access **and a pair of American Oystercatchers continue to be observed in this area.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road (excluding the overwash RESOURCE area closure), Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **A single male piping plover is still being observed at the Inlet and the American Oystercatcher nest, that survived the May 7 storm, has produced chicks. A second pair, whose nest was lost in the May 7 storm, is attempting to re-nest. In addition, a least tern colony has been established within the closure.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.6 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 59 and a shoreline beach closure immediately south of Ramp 59 which extends for 0.5 mile. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. Within this SAFETY closure a RESOURCE protection area has been established for an American Oystercatcher nest. There is pedestrian access along the ocean corridor shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island on the north/western end of the island and shoreline. The closure starts 0.7 miles northeast of Ramp 59 and extends 0.2 of a mile towards the Hatteras Inlet and west along the inlet side. The closure is parallel to the ocean allowing beach access for approximately 0.6 of a mile. **One piping plover was observed in this protection area during the week of May 29th.**

- On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure has been established and marked by an approximate 30' X 30' enclosure. There is oceanside access for ORV and pedestrian around the nest.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 10 immediately of south Ramp 59 and is 0.5 mile long along the ocean shoreline. This is a full beach closure for piping plover foraging. From Ramp 59 north, an ORV and pedestrian corridor is open for 0.7 mile north, where the resource protection pre-nesting closure is still in effect. Observations of piping plovers foraging and displays of breeding behavior **continue to be observed** in this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 9 approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 67 for two pair of American Oystercatchers; one nest exists at the time of this report. This RESOURCE protection area is within a SAFETY closure. There is pedestrian access but no ORV access between Ramp 67 to Ramp 59.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. An American Oystercatcher nest has been located in this area.
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **A piping plover nests with 3 eggs has been found within this closure this week. In addition, there are two American oystercatcher nests within the closure and a least tern colony.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

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The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

Memorial Day weekend “spot count” information:

During the recent Memorial Day weekend, it was extremely busy. For example, on Saturday, May 26, park staff counted 987 vehicles at Bodie Island (south of the Coquina Beach area), 443 vehicles between Ramps 23 and 34, 71 vehicles near Ramp 38, 426 vehicles in the Ramp 43 to Cape Point area, 504 vehicles in the Ramp 45 to 49 area, 160 vehicles from Ramp 55 south to Hatteras Inlet including the areas open to ORV access on the sound side, and 347 vehicles on Ocracoke Island. The numbers varied a little, but were similar on Sunday afternoon, May 27.

These “spot counts” reflect only the number of vehicles observed at the time of the count, rather than a cumulative or daily total. While spot counts, especially during holiday weekends are interesting, as the ORV planning and rulemaking processes move forward, more comprehensive and cumulative data on the levels of ORV use throughout the year are needed. Toward that end, the Seashore is in the process of acquiring traffic counters for each of the ORV access ramps.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the “pond.” Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **One pair of piping plover has been observed foraging inside this closure this week. Of the two American Oystercatcher nests in this area, one is still active, the other was lost.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and nests and scrapes of Least Terns and is approximately 0.1 mile long. There is pedestrian and ORV access in front of the RESOURCE protection area along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 30.5 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 20.4 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 1.4 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.5 miles south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. A full beach closure exists 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.1 mile in length.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony with eggs.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area (**0.3 mile buffer**) for American Oystercatcher chicks and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. **There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49. Of the 3.6 miles of this section of beach, approximately 2.3 miles is open for ORV and pedestrian access.**

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **Incubation of the two piping plover nests with full clutches (4 eggs) continues. The third piping plover nest with two eggs was abandoned and lost. This pair may attempt to re-nest. In addition, one of the two American Oystercatcher nests on the beach east of Ramp 45, inside the closure, hatched with two chicks. The second American Oystercatcher nest is still incubating.** A least tern colony is nesting in the Salt Pond Road area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). **There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks that hatched on June 5th.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. **On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure.**
- On May 22, approximately ½ mile northeast of Ramp 49, a shoreline closure 0.4 mile in length, was established for multiple observations of foraging piping plover. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- A RESOURCE protection area for nesting American Oystercatchers was established on the sound shoreline south of the Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village. On May 23, the nest was lost to predation. This soundside area remains closed to ORV and pedestrian access **for possible re-nesting of American Oystercatchers that continue to be observed in this area.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road (excluding the overwash RESOURCE area closure), Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. **On June 6, 2007, the oceanside boundary of this pre-nesting closure was slightly modified by 40 feet (moved to westward) to facilitate vehicle turn-around room during periods of high tide.** The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **Two single piping plovers are being observed in the Hatteras Inlet and overwash area. One American Oystercatcher nest produced chicks; the second pair of American Oystercatchers re-nested.** In addition, a least tern colony is established within the closure.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 10.6 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59. A shoreline beach closure immediately south of Ramp 59 which extends for 0.5 mile. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area, established on April 8 at the north end of Ocracoke Island **has been removed. This area reopened to ORV and pedestrian access on June 7, 2007.**
- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure and is located within this SAFETY closure area. **As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350' and is marked as a full beach closure. The nest is within the "hatch date" window.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 10 immediately of south Ramp 59 and is 0.5 mile long along the ocean shoreline. This is a full beach closure for piping plover foraging.
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 9 approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 67 for nesting American Oystercatchers. This RESOURCE protection area is within a SAFETY closure.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. An American Oystercatcher nest has been located in this area.
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **Incubation of the piping plover nest with full clutch (4 eggs) continues. In addition, and a least tern colony. All AMOY nest in the South Ocracoke area have been predated by mink.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **Two to three piping plover have been observed foraging and scraping inside the closure this week. One American Oystercatcher nests is active. A second pair o Oystercatchers, that lost their nest earlier, have been observed scraping again. There are American Oystercatcher nests on Green Island.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and nests and scrapes of Least Terns and is approximately 0.1 mile long. There is pedestrian and ORV access in front of the RESOURCE protection area along the ocean shoreline.
- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 2 miles north of Ramp 27 for an American Oystercatcher nest and is approximately 0.1 mile long. The nest is located on the oceanside of the primary dune. There is ORV and pedestrian access in front of the closure.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 22 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.5 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 2.8 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. **Currently, there is no through ORV or pedestrian access through Ramp 27 to Ramp 30.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for a least tern colony **with chicks hatching** and re-nesting American Oystercatchers. **This full beach closure is 0.2 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through this closure.**
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. **This full beach closure is 0.1 mile in length and is for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and least tern colony with chicks hatching. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through this closure.**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length and there is pedestrian and ORV access in front along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area (0.3 mile buffer) for American Oystercatcher chicks and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. **The full beach closure (located 1.0 mile west of Ramp 45 or 1.9 mile north of Ramp 49) was removed on June 11, 2007. There is currently through access for ORV and pedestrians between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.**

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **Incubation continues of two piping plover nests with full clutches (4 eggs) and one piping plover nest with 3 eggs. All three nests are protected by exclosures. In addition, American Oystercatcher chicks and a colony of Least Terns are located within the closure in the Salt Pond Road area. The northeast edge of the Cape Point pre-nesting closure was modified on June 10, 2007 to encompass a portion of open sandflats where piping plovers have been observed foraging. The modification is 400' by 200' in size. Access to the ocean shoreline is open from Ramp 44.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above).

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach.
- **On June 14, 2007, the RESOURCE shoreline foraging closure, 0.4 mile in length, located ½ mile northeast of Ramp 49, was removed.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- **On June 8, 2007, the RESOURCE protection area at Sandy Bay parking area between Frisco and Hatteras Village was removed.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and "the Rip" area. The Pole Road (excluding the overwash RESOURCE area closure), Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune on March 28. **Removal of the closure through the Pole Road overwashes occurred on June 11, 2007. The Pole Road reopened with an ORV corridor through the overwash areas. The area west of the Pole Road (soundside shoreline) will remain closed for migratory bird foraging. The ocean shoreline is open to ORV and pedestrian access.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. On June 6, 2007, the oceanside boundary of this pre-nesting closure was slightly modified by 40 feet (moved to westward) to facilitate vehicle turn-around room during periods of high tide. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **There have been no observations of piping plovers at Hatteras Inlet this week.** One American Oystercatcher nest produced a chick; the second pair of American Oystercatchers re-nested and is incubating. In addition, a least tern colony is established within the closure.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 8.5 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.0 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 0.8 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. On April 18, 2007, NPS staff discovered the first Leatherback turtle crawl and nest of the season on Ocracoke Island south of Ramp 59. A RESOURCE closure and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350’ and is marked as a full beach closure. The nest is within the “hatch date” window.
- **A RESOURCE protection shoreline foraging area, located immediately south of Ramp 59 has been removed.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. An American Oystercatcher nest has been located in this area.
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. **Incubation continues of the piping plover nest with full clutch (4 eggs) with exclosure. There is a least tern colony with nests located in the protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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The annual seasonal closures of village beaches to ORV use were established on May 15, 2007.

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The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **As of June 18, a piping plover 3-egg nest was located in this closure. An exclosure was installed the next day. The American Oystercatchers chicks hatched this week.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.1 mile in length.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and Least Tern nests and hatchlings. This closure is approximately 0.1 mile long.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **All three RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **The RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL closure, there is a RESOURCE protection area (0.3 mile

buffer) for American Oystercatcher chicks and there is no pedestrian access in this protection area.
This American Oystercatcher chick is near fledging.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **The first Piping Plover nest has hatched and as of late afternoon on June 20, two chicks survived. The two other chicks were predated, most likely by raccoons. Incubation of the second and third nests (both currently with 3-eggs) continues. Evidence suggests that one egg was lost to ghost crab predation from one of the original 4-egg nests.** A least tern colony is nesting in the Salt Pond Road area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks that hatched on June 5th.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched **producing three chicks** and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure.
- **A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and "the Rip" area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) has been modified and Pole Road has reopened in the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **One American Oystercatcher nest produced two chicks; one chick was lost the second is nearly fledged; the second pair of American Oystercatchers re-nested but the nest was lost to raccoon predation.** In addition, a least tern colony is established within the closure.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350' and is marked as a full beach closure. **The nest is within the “hatch date” window. Monitoring efforts have been increased as the “hatch date” approaches.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established on May 9 approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 67 for nesting American Oystercatchers. This RESOURCE protection area is within a SAFETY closure. There is pedestrian access is open.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **The pair of American Oystercatcher have re-nested (after 5 attempts!) and are incubating an active nest.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 4.8 miles, to the inlet. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound

and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. Access remains open to South Point. Incubation of the piping plover nest with full clutch (4 eggs) continues. **Morning and evening monitoring begins this week.** In addition, a least tern colony is established in this area.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for June 28, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.4 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.8 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **As of June 28, a piping plover 3-egg nest with exclosure is located in this closure.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.2 mile in length located just north of Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and Least Tern nests and hatchlings. This full beach closure is approximately 0.2 mile long.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **All three RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **The two RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access. Within the SEASONAL closure, **a RESOURCE protection area was removed this week when an American Oystercatcher chick successfully fledged.**

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 1.2 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. **The first Piping Plover nest (4-eggs) has hatched and as of late afternoon on June 27, one chick survived. The second Piping Plover nest (3-eggs) hatched and as of late afternoon on June 27, none survived. A third Piping Plover nest (currently 3-eggs) with exclosure is still incubating. A fourth Piping Plover (3-eggs) with exclosure is currently active but not incubating yet. An active least tern colony in the Salt Pond Road area has nests and hatchlings this week.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to **two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched producing three chicks and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure.
- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and "the Rip" area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) has been modified and Pole Road has reopened in the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **One American Oystercatcher chick in the Hatteras Inlet area is nearly fledged.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350' and is marked as a full beach closure. **The nest is within the “hatch date” window. Monitoring efforts have been increased as the “hatch date” approaches.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **The pair of American Oystercatcher have re-nested (after 5 attempts!) and are still incubating eggs.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately **0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and daytime access has reopened to South Point.** Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. **Access is open to South Point. On June 25 the piping plover nest successfully hatched with four chicks. Initially, a nighttime closure was implemented on June 25, then a full closure on June 26-27 as the chicks were being monitored to determine where the adult plovers would take their chicks to feed. On June 26, the chicks stayed**

close to the nest site. During the night two chicks did not survive. On June 27, four Piping Plover adults and two chicks were observed feeding closer toward the sound. On June 28, at 10:00 am, the access corridor to the Point reopened for daytime use. For the short term, a nighttime closure will be in effect from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. daily. Morning opening is contingent on monitors finding the chicks each morning. The least tern colony is within the established boundaries of this pre-nesting closure.

- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. **Peak season visitation to park beaches require extra precautionary measures on everyone's part. Please be aware the speed limit on all beaches is 25 mph and travel in areas with high concentrations of people and vehicles may require lower speeds. Use caution! Pets MUST be kept on a 6' leash at all times.**

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.4 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.8 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to the inlet sound side near Herbert Bonner (Oregon Inlet) Bridge. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. An ocean/inlet shoreline access corridor is currently being maintained above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access to the southwest side of the inlet near Bonner Bridge. **As of July 5, a piping plover 3-egg nest with exclosure is still incubating.**
- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and Least Tern nests/colony. **The island is closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress. Several closure violations were noted over the past week.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.2 mile in length located just north of Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and Least Tern nests and hatchlings. This full beach closure is approximately 0.2 mile long.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **As of July 5, all three RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **As of July 5, the two RESOURCE protection areas have active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 1.2 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. The first Piping Plover nest (4-eggs) has hatched and **as of early morning on July 5, one chick still survives. The second Piping Plover nest (3-eggs) hatched and as of late afternoon on June 27, none survived. The third Piping Plover nest (currently 3-eggs) began hatching on July 4; as of early July 5, two chicks are in the exclosure and the third egg is still incubating. A fourth Piping Plover (3-eggs) with exclosure is still incubating. As of July 5, an active least tern colony in the Salt Pond Road area has nests and hatchlings.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched producing three chicks and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure. **As of July 5, there are active nests and/or hatchlings for American Oystercatchers or Least Terns in this closure.**
- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of July 5, there are active nests and/or hatchlings for Least Terns in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) has been modified and Pole Road has reopened in the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” **The American Oystercatcher chick has almost fledged (not flying well yet) in the Hatteras Inlet area. The oceanside closure was reduced by 400 feet for ORV and pedestrian access on June 30. In addition, pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350' and is marked as a full beach closure. The nest is within the “hatch date” window. Monitoring efforts have been increased as the “hatch date” approaches.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **As of July 5, the pair of American Oystercatcher have re-nested (after 5 attempts!) and are still incubating eggs.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. **An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point.** Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and currently encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. **As of July 2, all four chicks were no longer found in the area and are presumed lost.**
- A RESOURCE protection area was established for foraging piping plover along the ocean shoreline beginning approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 72.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 19, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

The National Park Service continues to operate and regulate access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below.

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Peak season and visitation to park beaches requires extra precautionary measures on everyone's part. Please be aware the speed limit on all beaches is 25 mph and travel in areas with high concentrations of people and vehicles may require lower speeds. Use caution! Pets **MUST** be kept on a 6' leash at all times.

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). **16.0 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.3 miles are open for ORV access.**

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 4 and 2.2 miles north of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. **A modification of the resource protection area includes 0.9 of a mile along the ocean/inlet shoreline and to the southwest side of the inlet near the Bonner Bridge and temporarily restricts access in this area due to the hatching of a piping plover nest on Sunday, July 15. The 3-egg piping plover nest within the protection area hatched Sunday producing three chicks. As of Wednesday,**

July 18, one chick still survives. This area is subject to a high risk of natural predation such as fox and raccoons. NPS will continue to provide updates on the situation at this location.

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and nesting Least Tern nests/colony. **The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.2 mile in length located just north of Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and Least Tern nests and hatchlings. This full beach closure is approximately 0.2 mile long. **No changes.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **As of July 19, all three RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **As of July 19, all three RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 1.2 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. The first Piping Plover nest (4-eggs) hatched and **as of early morning on July 19, the oldest Piping Plover chick has fledged. The second Piping Plover chick still survives and is nearly fledged. Monitoring of the last remaining active Piping Plover (3-eggs) nest continues. The adult Piping Plovers are still incubating this nest. As of July 19, an active least tern colony near the Salt Pond Road area has hatchlings and fledgings and extends to Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched producing three chicks and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure. **As of July 19, three American Oystercatchers chicks survive but have not fledged yet.**

- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of July 19, there are hatchlings and fledgings and a few remaining active Least Tern nests in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. The ocean shoreline RESOURCE protection area, adjacent to the overwash, was removed on May 9, 2007.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) has been modified and Pole Road has reopened in the Isabel overwash area from the sound shoreline to the ocean dune. Ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 28 south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The area includes upper beach and interior areas south of Pole Road and a full ocean beach closure beginning approximately 0.3 miles south of the southern exit of Pole Road. The full beach closure is approximately 0.35 miles long and continues south/west to the inlet in the vicinity of the “Rip.” The American Oystercatcher chick has fledged in the Hatteras Inlet area. On June 30, oceanside ORV access was increased by more than 400 hundred feet toward the Rip to a narrow section of beach north of the Rip. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The area continues to be evaluated for re-opening to ORV use as soon as reliable access on the oceanside at high tide permits safe travel through to the soundside.

Ocracoke Island District

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Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350’ and is marked as a full beach closure. The nest is within the “hatch date” window. Monitoring efforts have been increased as the “hatch date” approaches.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **As of July 19, the pair of American Oystercatcher hatched one surviving chick.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and currently encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. As of July 2, all four piping plover chicks were lost. On Monday, July 9, a full beach closure was implemented for an American Oystercatcher chick. **As of July 19, the chick survives and has moved to the soundside to forage. The ocean shoreline foraging area was removed on July 13.**

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). **16.0 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.3 miles are open for ORV access.**

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 4 and 2.2 miles north of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. **The resource protection area was modified on July 15 to include a closure of 0.9 of a mile along the ocean/inlet shoreline and to the southwest side of the inlet near the Bonner Bridge due to the hatching of a piping plover nest. The 3-egg piping plover nest within the protection area hatched**

Sunday producing three chicks. As of Wednesday, July 18, one chick still survives. This area is subject to a high risk of predation by fox and raccoons. NPS will continue to provide updates on the situation at this location.

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and nesting Least Tern nests/colony. **The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closure which is 0.2 mile in length located just north of Ramp 27.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.3 miles south of Ramp 23 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 27) for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and Least Tern nests and hatchlings. This full beach closure is approximately 0.2 mile long. **No changes.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **As of July 19, all three RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for re-nesting American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers. This pair re-nested 1.1 miles south of Ramp 27 or 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Due to the narrow width of the beach, this is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure. In addition, there is a least tern colony.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **As of July 19, all three RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 1.2 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. The first Piping Plover nest (4-eggs) hatched and **as of early morning on July 19, the oldest Piping Plover chick has fledged. The second Piping Plover chick still survives and is nearly fledged. Monitoring of the last remaining active Piping Plover (3-eggs) nest continues. The adult Piping Plovers are still incubating this nest. As of July 19, an active least tern colony near the Salt Pond Road area has hatchlings and fledgings and extends to Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched producing three chicks and a full beach closure, 600 feet in length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure. **As of July 19, three American Oystercatchers chicks survive but have not fledged yet.**

- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of July 19, there are hatchlings and fledgings and a few remaining active Least Tern nests in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- **A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) at the southern end of the spit has been removed. ORV access is open on both the ocean shoreline and sound shoreline almost to the Rip; however, an ORV SAFETY CLOSURE exists due to narrow sections of beach north of the Rip on both sides. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The area continues to be evaluated for re-opening to ORV use as soon as reliable access on the oceanside at high tide permits safe travel through to the soundside.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350’ and is marked as a full beach closure. **The nest is well past the “hatch date” window and is being excavated today by park staff.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **The birds renested and have hatched a chick that continues to survive as of July 19.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This

section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and currently encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. As of July 2, all four piping plover chicks were lost. On Monday, July 9, a full beach closure, then subsequent nightly closures, was implemented for an American Oystercatcher chick. **The chick moved to the soundside and the closure/restrictions on the oceanside were removed and 24-hour oceanside access is open. As of July 19, the chick survives.**

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 26, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

The National Park Service continues to operate and manage access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below.

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides. Travel in many areas may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Peak season and visitation to park beaches requires extra precautionary measures on everyone's part. Please be aware the speed limit on all beaches is 25 mph and travel in areas with high concentrations of people and vehicles may require lower speeds. Use caution! Pets **MUST** be kept on a 6' leash at all times.

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). **16.1 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.4 miles are open for ORV access.**

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 and 2.2 miles north of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. The resource protection area was modified on July 15 to include a closure of 0.9 of a mile (**reduced to 0.8 of a mile on July 25**) along the ocean/inlet shoreline and to the southwest side of the inlet near the Bonner Bridge due to the hatching of a piping plover nest. **On July 25, the ocean shoreline closure was reduced by 0.1 of a mile and this section was re-opened to ORV and pedestrian access. In**

addition, a modification on the oceanside of the closure was bumped out (eastward) to provide adequate buffer for a least tern colony with hatchlings and active nests. There is an ORV corridor through this area. The 3-egg piping plover nest within the protection area hatched on Sunday, July 22 producing three chicks. **As of Wednesday, July 25, one chick still survives.** This area is subject to a high risk of predation by fox and raccoons. NPS will continue to provide updates on the situation at this location.

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. **The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.**

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.25 miles between Ramp 23 to Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through a RESOURCE protection closure which is 350 feet wide and located just south of Ramp 23.

- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 23 (or 4.2 miles north of Ramp 27) for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 3.0 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. Full beach closures exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and 0.7 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures. **As of July 25, all three RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 for American Oystercatchers. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists north of Ramp 30 for American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. This is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access through this 0.1 mile length closure.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 3.5 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **As of July 25, both RESOURCE protection areas have hatchlings or fledgings of American Oystercatchers and/or Least Terns with a few remaining active least tern nests.**

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatchers and a least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) for nesting American Oystercatcher and least tern colony. The protection area is 0.1 mile in length.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.1 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 1.2 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. The total closure distance is 1.2 miles. The first Piping Plover nest (4-eggs) hatched and **as of early morning on July 25, the oldest Piping Plover chick is fledged and consistently seen in the area. The second Piping Plover chick (approx. 22 days old) still survives and is nearly fledged. The last known remaining active Piping Plover (3-eggs) nest began hatching on Saturday, July 21 and continued hatching on Sunday, July 22 producing two chicks. One chick was predated. The adult Piping Plovers are foraging within the closure and are with the single surviving chick as of July 25. In addition, an active least tern colony near the Salt Pond Road area has hatchlings and fledgings and extends to Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area), along the upper beach, was established in March from Ramp 45 to the west. The total closure distance was 1.4 miles along the upper beach. On June 5, 2007, American Oystercatcher chicks hatched producing three chicks and a full beach closure, 600 feet in

length, was implemented approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure. **As of July 25, three American Oystercatchers chicks survive but have not completely fledged.**

- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of July 25, there are hatchlings and fledgings and a few remaining active Least Tern nests in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) at the southern end of the spit has been removed. ORV access is open on both the ocean shoreline and sound shoreline almost to the Rip; however, an ORV SAFETY CLOSURE exists due to narrow sections of beach north of the Rip on both sides. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The area continues to be evaluated for re-opening to ORV use as soon as reliable access on the oceanside at high tide permits safe travel through to the soundside.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.8 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.5 mile is restricted by a RESOURCE protection area.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. As of June 7, 2007, the nest closure was expanded to 350' and is marked as a full beach closure. **The nest was well past the “hatch date” window, was excavated by park staff and found to have some viable eggs which were reburied.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, was established for an American Oystercatcher nest between Ramp 68 and 70, which was subsequently lost. **The one chick continues to survive as of July 25.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. On April 11, the resource protection area was extended approximately 500 feet from on the southwestern edge towards the sound and currently encompasses an American Oystercatcher nest. As of July 2, all four piping plover chicks were lost. On Monday, July 9, a full beach closure, then subsequent nightly closures, was implemented for an American Oystercatcher chick. **The chick is still being seen in the soundside area.** The closure/restrictions on the oceanside were removed on July 18 and 24-hour oceanside access is open.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 2, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

During the month of August, park visitors will experience a shift in the resource protection areas as birds fledge and sea turtle nests hatch. The Park continues to operate and manage access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below.

National Seashore beaches and inlets experience varying degrees of erosion and notable high tides and travel may be limited during high wind/tide conditions. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Peak season and visitation to park beaches requires extra precautionary measures. Please be aware the speed limit on all beaches is 25 mph and travel in areas with high concentrations of people and vehicles may require lower speeds. Use caution! **Pets MUST be kept on a 6' leash at all times.**

The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). **15.6** miles are open to pedestrians and **10.3** miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline **for 1.5 miles south of Ramp 4** and 2.2 miles north of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. The resource protection area was modified on July 15 to include a closure of 0.9 of a mile (reduced **to 0.7 of a mile**) along the ocean/inlet shoreline and to the southwest side of the inlet near the Bonner Bridge due to the hatching of a piping plover nest. **In addition, on August 2, 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4, a modification (0.1 mile in length) was installed on the oceanside of the closure (bumped**

eastward 100 feet) to extend the buffer for a least tern colony with hatchlings and active nests. There is an access corridor around this area. The 3-egg piping plover nest within the protection area hatched on Sunday, July 22 producing three chicks. **As of Thursday, August 2, one Piping Plover chick still survives.**

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Two RESOURCE protection areas (turtle nest sites) are located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 23 and 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27. There is no available ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure to access the approximate 3.9 miles of open beach between these two sea turtle nests sites.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 23 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.
- A RESOURCE protection area exist 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 28.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 13.5 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 2.6 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 1.9 miles north of Ramp 30. A full beach closure exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for a least tern colony with hatchlings. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.
- A RESOURCE protection area 0.3 mile south of Ramp 27 has been removed.
- A RESOURCE protection area north of Ramp 30 has been removed.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 3.5 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34) has been removed.
- A RESOURCE protection area exists 4.1 miles south of Ramp 30 (or 0.1 mile north of Ramp 34) has been removed.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.4 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 0.9 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.1 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. **On August 2, 2007 a modification of this closure will re-open .3 of a mile to the west-northwest thereby reducing the total closure distance to 0.9 of a mile. As of August 2, the oldest Piping Plover chick is fledged and consistently seen in the area. The second Piping Plover chick is fledged and consistently seen in the area. As of August 2, the third Piping Plover chick survives, is foraging with adults but is not fledged. In addition, an active least tern colony within the closure near the Salt Pond Road area has hatchlings and fledgings and extends to Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to two full beach closures, each approximately 600 feet in length, for American Oystercatcher chicks and a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area for three American Oystercatcher chicks is located approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. There is no ORV or pedestrian access through the 600 feet full beach closure. **The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. This area will re-open after a resource survey is completed.**
- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of August 2, there are Least Tern hatchlings and fledgings in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.1 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
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Ocracoke Island District

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Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. **The nest is well past the “hatch date” window. There has been no activity at the site this week.**

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 67 to Ramp 70. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- **A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, remains in effect for an American Oystercatcher chick between Ramp 68 and 70. There is no through access.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and

pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. **During the nesting season, there were various modifications of the RESOURCE protection area due to changes in bird activity. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. A variety of birds, including an American Oystercatcher chick, continue to use the soundside areas within the resource protection area.**

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

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The Park Beach Access Report is complemented weekly with the Park Resource Management Field Summary.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 15.6 miles are open to pedestrians and 10.3 miles are open for ORV access. **There are approximately 13 posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 1 and Oregon Inlet and south to Ramp 27. Beginning the week of August 13, as "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.5 miles south of Ramp 4 and 2.2 miles north of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. It includes interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. The resource protection area was modified on July 15 to include a closure of 0.9 of a mile (reduced to 0.7 of a mile) along

the ocean/inlet shoreline and to the southwest side of the inlet near the Bonner Bridge due to the hatching of a piping plover nest. In addition, on August 2, 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4, a modification (0.1 mile in length) was installed on the oceanside of the closure (bumped eastward 100 feet) to extend the buffer for a least tern colony with hatchlings and active nests. There is an access corridor around this area. The 3-egg piping plover nest within the protection area hatched on Sunday, July 22 producing three chicks. **As of Thursday, August 9, one Piping Plover chick survives and is beginning to make short flights of 15 to 30 feet.**

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for American Oystercatcher and nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Two RESOURCE protection areas (turtle nest sites) are located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 23 and 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27. There is no available ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure to access the approximate 3.9 miles of open beach between these two sea turtle nests sites.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 23 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.
- A RESOURCE protection area exist 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 29.0 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 14.0 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 11.4 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. Approximately 2.6 miles are closed due to full beach RESOURCE protection closures. **There are approximately 31 posted sea turtle nests located in the 31.9 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 27 and Hatteras Inlet. Beginning the week of August 13, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 and for 1.9 miles north of Ramp 30. A full beach closure exist 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27. There is no through ORV or pedestrian access through the RESOURCE protection closures.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile south of Ramp 27 for a least tern colony with hatchlings. The protection area is 0.2 mile in length.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **There are approximately 6 posted sea turtle nests located in the 4.3 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. Beginning the week of August 13, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point end of the closure south/west for approximately 0.4 mile, where there is full beach closure due to a Resource protection area. The full beach closure extends to Ramp 45 and is 0.9 miles in length. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a Resource protection area. There is currently no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point end of the closure along the shoreline for approximately 0.4 mile to where a RESOURCE protection area begins.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure that started approximately 0.4 miles south/west of Cape Point and ended approximately 0.1 east of Salt Pond Road. On August 2, 2007 a modification of this closure re-opened 0.3 of a mile to the west-northwest reducing the total closure distance to 0.9 of a mile. **As of August 9, the oldest Piping Plover chick is fledged and consistently seen in the area. The second Piping Plover chick is fledged and consistently seen in the area. As of August 9, the third Piping Plover chick is seen foraging with adults but has not yet fledged. In addition, the active least tern colony within the closure near the Salt Pond Road area has hatchlings and fledgings and extends to Ramp 45.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area (described above). There is currently no through access between Ramps 45 and 49 due to one full beach closure, approximately 0.3 mile in length, for a least tern colony.

- A RESOURCE protection area for three American Oystercatcher chicks is located approximately 0.9 mile west of Ramp 45 or 2.3 miles east of Ramp 49. The American Oystercatcher chicks have fledged. **This closure was removed on August 5.**
- A RESOURCE protection area, 1.8 miles north of Ramp 49, was established on June 21, 2007 for Least Tern colony hatchlings. The closure is 0.3 mile in length and is a full beach closure with no ORV or pedestrian access. **As of August 9, there are Least Tern hatchlings and fledgings in this closure.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55. There is no through ORV access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- **An ORV SAFETY CLOSURE exists at the Rip due to narrow sections of beach north of the Rip on both the ocean and sound sides (approx. 0.3 of a mile in length.) Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The area continues to be evaluated for re-opening to ORV use as soon as reliable access on the oceanside at high tide permits safe travel through to the soundside. However, ORV access is open on both the ocean shoreline and the sound shoreline almost to the Rip.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.2 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 3.4 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 4.3 miles are restricted by a RESOURCE protection area. **The beaches of Ocracoke Island have approximately 27 posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. Beginning the week of August 13, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.**

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. The nest is well past the “hatch date” window. There has been no activity at the site this week.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.1 mile north of Ramp 67 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 67 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area, approx. 0.5 mile long, remains in effect for an American Oystercatcher chick between Ramp 68 and 70. This is a full beach closure.**
- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .05 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.3 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.6 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. During the nesting season, there were various modifications of the RESOURCE protection area due to changes in bird activity. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. A variety of birds, including an American Oystercatcher chick, continue to use the soundside areas within the resource protection area.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). **16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access. There are approximately 13 posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 1 to Oregon Inlet and south to Ramp 27. Continuing through the weeks of August 13 and 20, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.6 miles north of Ramp 4 and 2.3 miles south of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. This includes the interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the “pond.” Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. **As of Wednesday, August 16, one Piping Plover chick was successfully fledged in the Bodie Island**

area. The 0.9 mile closure (located 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4) was removed on August 16. ORV access to Bodie Island Spit and Oregon Inlet is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

One RESOURCE protection areas (turtle nest site) is located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 23. There is no available ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure to access the approximate 4.2 miles of open beach.

- A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 23 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 29.0 miles open to pedestrians and approximately **20.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access**. ORV use is restricted by 11.2 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. **There are approximately 35 posted sea turtle nests located in the 31.9 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 27 and Hatteras Inlet. Continuing through the weeks of August 13 and 20, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 2.2 miles.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. **There are approximately 5 posted sea turtle nests located in the 4.3 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. **A resource protection area remains in effect in the interdunal/Salt Pond area. A variety of birds, including migratory piping plovers and newly fledged chicks continue to use this area. As of August 16, three Piping chicks were successfully fledged and were consistently seen in this area.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. **There are approximately 3 posted sea turtle nests located between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49. Continuing through the weeks of August 13 and 20, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.**

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- An ORV SAFETY CLOSURE exists at the Rip due to narrow sections of beach north of the Rip on both the ocean and sound sides (approx. 0.3 of a mile in length.) Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The area continues to be evaluated for re-opening to ORV use as soon as reliable access on the oceanside at high tide permits safe travel through to the soundside. However, ORV access is open on both the ocean shoreline and the sound shoreline almost to the Rip.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are **16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.6 miles are open to ORV access.** ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately **0.1 mile** restricted by a RESOURCE protection area. **The beaches of Ocracoke Island have approximately 27 posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. Continuing through the weeks of August 13 and 20, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.**

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access. A RESOURCE closure for a leatherback turtle nest and is located within this SAFETY closure area. The nest is well past the “hatch date” window. There has been no activity at the site this week.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 67 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access. There are approximately several posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 1 to Oregon Inlet and south to Ramp 27. Continuing through the weeks of **August 20 and 27**, as "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.6 miles north of Ramp 4 and 2.3 miles south of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. This includes the interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. As of Wednesday, August 16, one Piping Plover chick was successfully fledged in the Bodie Island area.

The 0.9 mile closure (located 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4) was removed on August 16. ORV shoreline access to Bodie Island Spit and Oregon Inlet is open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 29.0 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.1 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.9 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures. There are approximately **30** posted sea turtle nests located in the 31.9 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 27 and Hatteras Inlet. Continuing through the weeks of **August 20 and 27**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 2.2 miles.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. There are **several posted sea turtle nests located in the 4.3 mile stretch of beach between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. A resource protection area remains in effect in the interdunal/Salt Pond area. A variety of birds, including migratory piping plovers and newly fledged chicks continue to use this area. As of August 16, three Piping chicks were successfully fledged and were consistently seen in this area.

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. There are approximately 2 posted sea turtle nests located between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49. Continuing through the weeks of **August 20 and 27**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- **One RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 49. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to 0.35 miles north of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- **An ORV SAFETY CLOSURE at “the Rip” was removed on August 17, 2007 on a trial basis. The area is open but will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed.** Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.6 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures and approximately 0.1 mile restricted by a RESOURCE protection area. The beaches of Ocracoke Island have **11 posted sea turtle nests located in the 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. Continuing through the weeks of August 20 and 27**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. A RESOURCE protection area exists 0.3 mile south of Ramp 67 for a turtle nest which is within the hatch window date. This full beach closure is approximately 350 feet wide.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. During the nesting season, there were various modifications of the RESOURCE protection area due to changes in bird activity. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. A variety of birds, including an American Oystercatcher chick, continue to use the soundside areas within the resource protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 30, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

The Park continues to operate and manage access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.

As we approach Labor Day Weekend, which traditionally signals the end of our summer season, park visitors are encouraged to use extreme caution in those busy, crowded areas of the park. Be respectful of others while participating in the wide variety of recreational activities the National Seashore offers to our many visitors. Please be aware the speed limit on all beaches is 25 mph and travel in areas with high concentrations of people and vehicles may require lower speeds. Use caution! Pets **MUST be kept on a 6' leash at all times.**

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access. Through the weeks of **September 2 and 9**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to south of Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.8 miles north of Ramp 4 and 2.3 miles south of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established at Bodie Island Spit on March 26, 2007. This includes the interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." Access to pond from the northeast side is closed as part of the RESOURCE protection area. ORV shoreline access to Bodie Island Spit and Oregon Inlet is open.
- A RESOURCE protection area is established on Green Island for nesting Least Tern nests/colony. The island is still closed to landing while nesting activity is in progress.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles.

- **One RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 23. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available until the nest hatches. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure.**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 20.8 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.9 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures and **0.2 of a mile of RESOURCE closures for turtle nests.** Through the weeks of **September 2 and 9**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 2.2 miles.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 27, 2007. A resource protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond. A variety of birds, including migratory piping plovers and newly fledged chicks continue to use this area.

- **One RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV by-pass west of the nest and access to Cape Point is available from Ramp 44. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure.**

South Beach:

The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the weeks of **September 2 and 9**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.
- **One RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1 mile north of Ramp 49. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- An ORV SAFETY CLOSURE at “the Rip” was removed on August 17, 2007 on a trial basis. The area is open but will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.7 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.7 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the weeks of **September 2 and 9**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area (pre-nesting area) was established March 29 that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. During the nesting season, there were various modifications of the RESOURCE protection area due to changes in bird activity. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point. A variety of birds continue to use the soundside areas within the resource protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

The Park continues to operate and manage access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times.

Beginning the week of September 3, park staff will begin implementation of resource protection areas to provide resting and foraging habitat for migrating and wintering birds. The transition from breeding season to non-breeding season measures include widening ORV corridors at the spits and other key locations from 100 feet to 150 feet, where feasible. The wintering areas will be similar to those implemented last year, with some adjustments made based on changes in physiographic conditions and/or observations of bird activity.

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to south of Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.8 miles north of Ramp 4 and 2.3 miles south of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the “pond.” ORV shoreline access to Bodie Island Spit and Oregon Inlet is open.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.9 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures and 0.1 of a mile of RESOURCE closures for turtle nests. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline but not through turtle nest closures.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 mile south of Ramp 23 or 0.3 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available until the nest hatches. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure. **(Still in effect.)**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.3 miles.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond. A variety of birds, including migratory piping plovers and this year’s fledged chicks continue to use this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV by-pass west of the nest and access to Cape Point is available from Ramp 44 or via the Salt Pond Road. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure. **(Still in effect.)**

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. A variety of birds continue to use the soundside areas within the resource protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.

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Weekly Up-date:

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On Sunday, September 16, 2007, Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches that have been seasonally closed to off-road vehicle (ORV) use in front of Hatteras Island villages will re-open, similar to what has occurred in the past few years. Some areas may still experience closures where the beaches are too narrow and unsafe for ORV use, and visitors should expect to see continued resource protection areas for sea turtle nests. Next week's Beach Access Report will have more details.

**** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 14.9 miles are open for ORV access. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SEASONAL beach closure is 1.6 miles long and went into effect May 15. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to south of Coquina Beach is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 1.8 miles north of Ramp 4 and 2.3 miles south of Ramp 4. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and the shoreline of the "pond." ORV shoreline access to Bodie Island Spit and Oregon Inlet is open.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are closed to ORV access but remain open to pedestrian access. This section of beach is approximately 3.0 miles long.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available until the nest hatches. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.9 miles of SEASONAL and SAFETY closures and 0.1 of a mile of RESOURCE closures for turtle nests. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline but not through turtle nest closures.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 mile south of Ramp 23 or 0.3 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available until the nest hatches. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure. **(Still in effect.)**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

- Two RESOURCE protection areas (turtle nest site) are located approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 30 and the second is 2.2 miles north of Ramp 34. There is no ORV by-pass; therefore no through ORV access is available until the nests hatch. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closures. The nests are within the expected “hatch window” and this 0.1 of mile is a full beach closure.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- Annual SEASONAL village beach closure went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the village of Avon is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SEASONAL closure, 2.8 miles in length, begins 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.1 mile north of Ramp 43, and went into effect on May 16. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.
- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV by-pass west of the nest and access to Cape Point is available from Ramp 44 or via the Salt Pond Road. Pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window” and is a full beach closure. **(Still in effect.)**

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SEASONAL closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.0 miles long and went into effect on May 15. The beach area in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 7.9 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the weeks of **September 16**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for September 20, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

The Park continues to operate and manage access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Beach Access is open as described below. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times.

On Sunday, September 16, 2007, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff opened seasonal winter beach areas to off-road vehicle (ORV) access in front of Hatteras Island villages, similar to what has occurred in the past few years. Some areas may still experience closures where the beaches are too narrow and unsafe for ORV use, and visitors should expect to see continued resource protection areas for sea turtle nests. **** Blue text = updated news.**

Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and **15.5 miles are open for ORV access**. Through the weeks of **September 24**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is **1.0 miles long**. **The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.**

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline **for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit)**. Some areas may experience access limitations during extreme high tides or winds.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and **portions of the shoreline of the "pond."** **ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond are open.**
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- **The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.**

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the weeks of **September 24**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- **The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.**

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.**

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the weeks of **September 24**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- **A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.**

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 mile south of Ramp 55. There is an ORV by-pass via the Pole Road and pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. Detour signs directing ORV users around this protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 8.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the weeks of **September 24**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70. **There are seven resource protection areas (turtle nests) between Ramp 68 and Ramp 70; one is located immediately south of Ramp 68 and the second is ¼ mile north of Ramp 70. There is pedestrian access behind the nests. There is no ORV access in this area until the campground closes at the end of October and the turtle nests hatch season ends.**

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. Due to high tides and erosion from numerous northeast winds, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at high tide.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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Weekly Up-date:

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are open under winter seasonal beach conditions for off-road vehicles (ORV) access as described below. Some areas may still experience closures where the beaches are too narrow and unsafe for ORV use, and visitors should expect to see continued resource protection areas for sea turtle nests. The Park operates and manages access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access. Through the week of **October 7**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the "pond." ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond are open.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 mile north of Ramp 27. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **October 7**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the week of **October 7**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed.

Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

- **A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect for portions of the interior areas of Hatteras Spit. ORV access to Hatteras Spit, the Rip, and the soundside shoreline is open.**
- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 8.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the week of **October 7**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

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- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70. **There are numerous protection areas (turtle nests) between Ramp 68 and Ramp 70. There is pedestrian access behind the nests. There is no ORV access in this area until the campground closes at the end of October and/or the turtle nests hatch season ends.**

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, and closes Ramp 68 and is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access.

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The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

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Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

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Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open. Through the week of **October 7**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south to the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and constant monitoring is needed.

Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. **On October 4, 2007, at temporary ORV SAFETY beach closure, approx. ¼ mile in length, went into effect on the oceanside of Hatteras Inlet due to rough ocean conditions. ORV access to the Rip is open via the soundside and Spur Road. The area will be monitored and adjusted as needed. Pedestrian access is open.**

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect south of the Spur Road for portions of the interior areas of Hatteras Spit. ORV access to Hatteras Spit, the Rip, and the soundside shoreline is open.**

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 8.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the week of **October 7**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, includes the closure of Ramp 68, **is closed to ORV access until October 29** but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 11, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access. Through the week of **October 14**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the "pond." ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond are open.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **October 14**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 mile south of Ramp 30. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open. **Through the week of October 14, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see full beach closures in this area.**

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south **to within a ¼ mile** of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. **Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and is being constantly monitored.** Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

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Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 8.0 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 8.5 miles of SAFETY and SEASONAL closures. Through the week of **October 14**, as “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures on many of these beaches.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, includes the closure of Ramp 68, **is closed to ORV access until October 29** but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 17, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access. Through the week of **October 21**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the "pond." ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond are open.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains on Green Island.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **October 21**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 mile south of Ramp 27. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30. There is no ORV by-pass but pedestrian access is available behind the nest closure. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline except through protection areas for nesting sea turtles.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open. **Through the week of October 21, as a turtle nest “hatch window” date approaches, there is one full beach closure in an area south of Ramp 44. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.**

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV bypass and pedestrian access available behind the turtle nest site. The nest is within the expected hatch date. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.**
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south of the Hatteras Inlet and “the Rip” area. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open. ORV and pedestrian access to “the Rip” is open and will continue to be evaluated for reliable access on both the oceanside and soundside at high tides. Erosion action and high tides make this an area of concern and is being constantly monitored. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside.

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Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

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- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

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The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and

pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 25, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

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10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **October 28**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

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Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south for 0.3 mile. There no through access for ORVs between Ramps 67 and 70.

- The SEASONAL closure was established on May 15, 2007 in front of the lifeguarded beach/campground extends from .03 mile south of Ramp 67 to 0.25 miles north of Ramp 70. This section of beach, approximately 3.1 miles in length, includes the closure of Ramp 68, **is closed to ORV access until October 29** but remains open for pedestrian access.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.



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National Park Service Beach Access Report for November 1, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 1, 2007
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Weekly Up-date:

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are open under winter seasonal beach conditions for off-road vehicles (ORV) access as described below. Some areas may still experience closures where the beaches are too narrow and unsafe for ORV use. The Park operates and manages access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the “pond.” ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond are open.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **November 4**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open. **Through the week of November 4**, there is one full beach closure in an area south of Ramp 44. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV bypass and pedestrian access available behind the turtle nest site. The nest is within the expected hatch date. **The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.**
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south for approximately 2.6 miles. On October 30, an ORV Safety closure was implemented north of Hatteras Inlet extending south around to the soundside “Rip” area. The temporary closure is approximately 1,700 feet in length. Erosion action, high tides and rough ocean conditions make this an area of concern and is being

constantly monitored. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The Pole Road, Cable Crossing and Spur Road are all open.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect south of the Spur Road for portions of the interior areas of Hatteras Spit. ORV access to Hatteras Spit, the Rip, and the soundside shoreline is open.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 11.1 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY closure.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south to Ramp 70.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for November 8, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 8, 2007
CONTACT: 252-473-2111, ext. 148

Weekly Up-date:

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are open under winter seasonal beach conditions for off-road vehicles (ORV) access as described below. The Park operates and manages access under the Interim Strategy guidance. **Some areas may still experience closures due to impacts from Hurricane Noel's offshore passing and visitors may find narrow beach conditions that are temporarily unsafe for ORV use. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.** Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the "pond." ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond is open.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **November 11**, as turtle nest "hatch window" dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point "hook" west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open. **Through the week of November 11**, there is one full beach closure in an area south of Ramp 44. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point "hook" west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV bypass and pedestrian access available behind the turtle nest site. The nest is within the expected hatch date. **The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.**
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south for approximately 2.6 miles. On October 30, an ORV Safety closure was implemented north of Hatteras Inlet extending south around to the soundside "Rip" area. The temporary closure is approximately 1,700 feet in length. **Impacts from the recent storm created more problems with erosion, high tides and rough ocean conditions making this an**

area of concern. The area is being constantly monitored. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The first mile of the Pole Road is closed due to flooding; the Cable Crossing and Spur Roads and 2.6 miles of ocean shoreline are open to ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect south of the Spur Road for portions of the interior areas of Hatteras Spit. ORV access to Hatteras Spit, the Rip, and the soundside shoreline is open.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 11.1 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY closure.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south to Ramp 70.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

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National Park Service Beach Access Report for November 15, 2007

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Weekly Up-date:

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are open under winter seasonal beach conditions for off-road vehicles (ORV) access as described below. The Park operates and manages access under the Interim Strategy guidance. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets must be on at least a 6 foot leash at all times. **The North Carolina Beach Buggy Association members, park staff and volunteers are conducting the annual fall Operation Beach Respect clean-up on Saturday, November 17, 2007. "Volunteer" a little of your time and help clean-up the beaches while enjoying the great outdoors this weekend!**

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

There are approximately 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline in the Bodie Island District (excluding Pea Island). 16.5 miles are open to pedestrians and 15.5 miles are open for ORV access.

Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area includes the interior areas of the spit and portions of the shoreline of the "pond." ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Oregon Inlet and to the east end of the bait pond is open.

Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by

10.2 miles of SAFETY closures. Through the week of **November 18**, as turtle nest “hatch window” dates approach, the visiting public can expect to see some additional full beach closures in this area.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 38. Currently there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open. **Through November 20**, there is one full beach closure in an area south of Ramp 44. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area (turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 mile south of Ramp 44. There is an ORV bypass and pedestrian access available behind the turtle nest site. The nest is within the expected hatch date. The bypass south of Ramp 44 is open allowing ORV access around the nest.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south for approximately 2.6 miles. On October 30, an ORV Safety closure was implemented north of Hatteras Inlet extending south around to the soundside “Rip” area. The temporary closure is approximately 1,700 feet in length. Impacts from Noel created more problems with erosion, high tides and rough ocean conditions making this an area of concern. The area is being constantly monitored. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The **first mile of the Pole Road is closed and requires maintenance work (grading) due to recent flooded conditions before it can be re-opened next week;** the Cable Crossing and Spur Roads and 2.6 miles of ocean shoreline are open to ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
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ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68) :

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south to Ramp 70.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

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Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27)

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Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)

A SAFETY beach closure is 1.0 miles long. The beach from the south boundary of the Town of Nags Head to Coquina Beach/Ramp 2 area is closed to ORV access but remains open for pedestrian access. From Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline for 4.2 miles from Ramp 2 south to Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit.) During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to Bodie Island Spit may not be accessible at times.

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Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo: (north of Ramp 23 for 3 miles to Pea Island NWR boundary)

- The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access.

Ramp 23 - Ramp 27 (4.3 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet)

The Hatteras District has a total distance of 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline. There are approximately 31.9 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 21.7 miles of beach are open for ORV access. ORV use is restricted by 10.2 miles of SAFETY closures.

Ramp 27 - Ramp 30 (2.2 miles):

Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 30 - Ramp 34 (4.3 miles):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline.

Ramp 34 - Ramp 38 (4.0 miles):

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs from Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- The beach in front of the village of Avon is open to ORV and pedestrian access except for a SAFETY closure located 0.3 mile south of Avon Pier to Ramp 38. This 1.5 mile section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 38 - Ramp 43 (6.0 miles):

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- A SAFETY closure begins 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This closure distance is 4.0 miles. This section is closed to ORV access but remains open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 43 - Ramp 44 (0.3 of a mile):

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline to Cape Point.

Ramp 44 - Ramp 49 (3.6 miles: includes Ramp 45):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from the Cape Point “hook” west through to Ramp 45. The Interdunal Road between Ramps 44 and 45 is open. The Salt Pond Road is open.

Cape Point:

ORV and pedestrian access is open to Cape Point from Ramps 43 and 44, and south/west from the Cape Point “hook” west to Ramp 45.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect in the interior area around Salt Pond.

South Beach:

The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49. The Interdunal Road is open to ORV and pedestrian access between Ramps 44 and 45. Salt Pond Road is open.

Ramp 49 - Ramp 55 (5.9 miles: includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 49 to the boundary of the Frisco and Hatteras Village closure. Pedestrian access is open to Ramp 55.

- A SAFETY closure in front of the villages of Frisco and Hatteras is located 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to 0.1 mile east of Ramp 55. The ORV closure, a distance of 4.7 miles long is open to pedestrian access.

Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet (2.7 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south for approximately 2.6 miles. On October 30, an ORV Safety closure was implemented north of Hatteras Inlet extending south around to the soundside “Rip” area. The temporary closure is approximately 1,700 feet in length. Impacts from Noel created

more problems with erosion, high tides and rough ocean conditions making this an area of concern. The area is being constantly monitored. Pedestrian access is open around the entire tip of the inlet from oceanside to soundside. The Cable Crossing and Spur Roads and 2.6 miles of ocean shoreline are open to ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area is located on the sound shoreline of both Isabel overwash areas. Pole Road and ocean shoreline access remains open past this area.
- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect south of the Spur Road for portions of the interior areas of Hatteras Spit. ORV access to Hatteras Spit, the Rip, and the soundside shoreline is open.

Ocracoke Island District

The Ocracoke Island District has a total of 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline. There are 16.4 miles open to pedestrians and approximately 11.1 miles are open to ORV access. ORV use is restricted by approximately 5.4 miles of SAFETY closure.

Ramp 59 - Ramp 67 (7.8 miles):

ORV and pedestrian access is open north of Ramp 59 and 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 where a SAFETY Closure begins. There is no through ORV access from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67. Pedestrian access is open.

- A SAFETY closure is 5.4 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.2 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (3.8 miles; includes Ramp 68):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 67 south to Ramp 70.

Ramp 70 - Ramp 72 (1.8 miles) and Ramp 72 to South Ocracoke Spit (4.4 miles):

The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 70 south along ocean shoreline, for approximately 0.4 of a mile where a RESOURCE shoreline protection area begins. An access corridor is open to ORV and pedestrians on the upper beach and access is open to South Point. During rough ocean conditions and extreme high tides or winds with resulting erosion, access to South Point of Ocracoke may not be accessible at times.

- A RESOURCE protection area remains in effect near South Point that encompasses interior and soundside areas of the spit. Ocean shoreline access is open to South Point.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Colonial Waterbirds (Terns and Skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians and pets.